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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WOLFF

1. AMBASSADOR ALAN WOLFF, DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AND THREE OTHER STR OFFICIALS WILL TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 11, 1978 TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. DELEGATION'S ITINERARY IS COVERED BY A
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NUMBER OF SEPTELS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO POSTS ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES AMBASSADOR WOLFF PLANS TO DISCUSS. STATE AND STR HAVE COLLABORATED ON THE COMPILATION OF BRIEFING BOOKS AND ON THIS CABLE.

2. THE FOCUS OF THIS TRIP WILL BE ON MTN ISSUES. THE

AMBASSADOR WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE OUTLOOK AND TIMETABLE FOR THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS, NTM ISSUES (I.E. STANDARDS, SAFEGUARDS, SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL) AND REQUESTS AND OFFERS PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, WOLFF WILL BE PREPARED TO BRIEF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED US-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS AS WELL AS OTHER TRADE MATTERS. UNLESS NOTED BELOW, DELEGATION IS NOT SEEKING SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES ALTHOUGH DELEGATION IS

BRIEFED TO RESPOND TO SOME IF THEY ARE RAISED.

3. FOR NEW DELHI: AMBASSADOR WOLFF IS AGREEABLE TO THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN NEW DELHI 1004 AND AGREES TO A 50-MINUTE MEETING WITH EMBOFFS. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER COURTESY CALLS FOR THE AMBASSADOR ON APPROPRIATE MINISTERS. WITH REGARDS TO TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, THE MAIN INTERESTS WILL BE ON A REVIEW OF MTN ISSUES AND TROPICAL PRODUCT NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO GOI QUESTIONS ON STEEL WIRE STRAND ANTI-DUMPING PETITIONS, THE INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS' CASE, AND THE STEEL TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM. THE AMBASSADOR IS VERY INTERESTED IN VISITING AGRA BUT A SEVEN A.M. DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY IS A PROBLEM GIVEN THE EARLY MORNING ARRIVAL THE SAME DAY FOLLOWING A 22-HOUR TRIP.

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4. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN KL 299 IS AGREEABLE. IT IS NOT USDEL'S INTENTION TO RAISE BILATERAL TRADE-ISSUE. HOWEVER ON SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO MALAYSIA, USDEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING TIN, PALM OIL AND ASEAN AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM SHOULD THEY ARISE.

5. FOR SINGAPORE: DEPARTMENT AND STR WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY IDEAS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE. THE THINKING HERE IS THAT PRESS CONFERENCE COULD FOCUS ON THE MTN AND ON RECENT US-JAPAN TALKS--THE LATTER IF SUFFICIENT INTEREST EXISTS. BRIEFING BOOK CONTAINS GENERAL INFORMATION ON TAX AND INVESTMENT TREATIES AND CURRENT BILATERAL ISSUES SUCH AS GSP, WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

6. FOR CANBERRA: DEL APPRECIATES HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AT LAKESIDE HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 5 AND 6. PARTY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SIMILAR RESERVATIONS FOR SYDNEY FOR FEBRUARY 4 AND 7 (SEE BELOW ON NUMBER OF PARTY). IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, PARTY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PERFORMANCE AT THE SYDNEY

OPERA HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 4. ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, DEL
WOULD LIKE FUNCTION ARRANGED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN/-
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION
IN SYDNEY FOR EVENING OF THE 7TH. WOLFF IS PREPARED
TO SPEAK INFORMALLY WITH GROUP. SUBSTANTIVE GUIDANCE
FOR CANBERRA CONTAINED IN STATE 9482 (NOTAL).

7. FOR WELLINGTON: AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS
NEW ZEALAND'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING BILATERAL MEAT AND
DAIRY TRADE, MTN ISSUES AND TO BRIEF GNZ OFFICIALS ON

RECENT US-JAPANESE TALKS.

8. FOR ALL POSTS: DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICT, DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE BARRACLOUGH WILL BE UNABLE
TO ACCOMPANY PARTY ON TRIP. ADJUST HOTEL RESERVATIONS
ACCORDINGLY.

9. POSTS COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON ABOVE ARE NEEDED
ASAP SINCE PARTY DEPARTS WASHINGTON 27 JANUARY. VANCE

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